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THERE FOLLOWS SUMMARY SALIENT PORTIONS OF SUBJECT DECLARATION
ADOPTED BY OAU NINTH EXTRAORDINARY CM:

BEGIN SUMMARY.

1. CM, HAVING STUDIED DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH AIM OF DEVISING WAYS AND MEANS OF REALIZING FREE AFRICA'S REGIONAL OBJECTIVES, HAS DEVOTED EXTRORDINARY CM IN DAR ES SALAAM TO REEXAMINATION OF OAU'S STRATEGY FOR THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA AS WELL AS THE ABOLITION OF APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. THEY DECLARED THAT DECISIVE DEFEAT OF PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM AND THE IMMINENT INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA HAVE RADICALLY ALTERED THE BALANCE OF FORCES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. AS A CONSEQUENCE, SOUTH AFRICA HAS BEEN FORCED TO REVIEW ITS POLICY TOWARDS ITS CLIENT STATES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. VORSTER IS, THEREFORE, NOW ENGAGED IN NEW MANEUVERS TO REDUCE/NEUTRALIZE THE IMPACT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES ON THE REGIME, TO BREAK SOUTH AFRICA'S ISOLATION AND UNDERMINE INTERNATIONAL OPPOSITION TO ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA.

3. DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA REQUIRE THAT THE OAU REEVALUATE ITS APPROACH FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACHIEVING THE DESIRED GOAL. THIS REASSESSMENT PRESUPPOSES THE MAINTENANCE AND STRENGTHENING OF AFRICAN UNITY AND SOLIDARITY IN CONFRONTING THE NEW SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THAT SITUATION IS MARKED BY TWO MAIN AREAS OF CONFLICT: FIRST, THE CONFRONTATION WITH COLONIALISM; SECOND, THE CONFLICT WITH APATHEID. WHETHER WE ARE DEALING WITH THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM IN RHODESIA OR THE ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA, OR RACIST DOMINATION IN SOUTH AFRICA, THE MAIN OPPONENT OF AFRICA IS THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME.

4. AFRICA PROCLAIMED THE LUSAKA MANIFESTO, WHICH ASSERTED THE OAU'S PREFERENCE FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY BY PEACEFUL MEANS. IF PEACEFUL PROGRESS TOWARDS ITS OBJECTIVE IS BLOCKED, THE OAU WILL SUPPORT ARMED STRUGGLE. THIS REMAINS THE UNSHAKEABLE POSITION OF OAU STATES AS DEFINED BY THE MOGADISCIO DECLARATION.

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5. THE VICTORY OVER PORTUGUESE COLONIALISM LED AFRICA, THIS YEAR, TO ADOPT THE DAR ES SALAAM DECLARATION BY WHICH THE OAU RESOLVED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CIVTORIES ACHIEVED BY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, GUINEA BISSAU AND CAPE VERDE, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE TO ADVANCE THE MARCH OF FREEDOM FURTHER SOUTH, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA.

6. IN SOUTH AFRICA LIES THE KEY TO THE COMPLETE DECOLONIZATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE OAU'S OBJECTIVE IN ZIMBABWE IS INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF MAJORITY RULE. AS LONG AS THE OBJECTIVES OF MAJORITY RULE BEFORE INDEPENDENCE ARE NOT COMPROMISED, THE OAU WOULD SUPPORT ALL EFFORTS MADE BY THE ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS TO WIN INDEPENDENCE BY PEACEFUL MEANS. IF AND WHEN THE ZIMBABWE NATIONALISTS THEMSELVES ARE CONVINCED THAT TALKS WITH SMITH HAVE FAILED, FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL HAVE TO INTENSIFY ARMED STRUGGLE WITH INDEPENDENT AFRICA'S SUPPORT. WHILE OAU ACCEPTS THE TASK OF HELPING IN GENUINE NEGOTIATIONS TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF POWER TO AFRICAN MAJORITY, IT MUST UNDERTAKE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS FOR THE INTENSIFICATION OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE SHOULD PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE ZIMBABWE CONFLICT BE BLOCKED.

7. AFRICA'S AND THE UN'S POSITION ON NAMIBIA IS UNEQUIVOCAL. SOUTH AFRICA'S CONTINUED OCCUPATION IS ILLEGAL. THE OAU AND THE UN HOLD THE UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF NAMIBIA SACROSANCT. BOTH ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZE SWAPO AS THE LEGITIMATE AND AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE.

8. THE NINTH EXTRAORDINARY CM REITERATE THEIR CONVICTION THAT THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM OF NAMIBIA LIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION BY SOUTH AFRICA OF UNSC RESO DATED DECEMBER 17, 1974. THE AFRICAN STATES, CONSIDERING THAT UNSC IS SCHEDULED TO CONVENE O/A MAY 30 TO CONSIDER NAMIBIA, CALL UPON IT TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES "INCLUDING THOSE ENVISAGED UNDER CHAPTER 7 OF THE UN CHARTER" TO OVERCOME SOUTH AFRICA'S DEFiance. IN ABSENCE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S WILLINGNESS TO TERMINATE ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA, THE OAU MUST ASSIST SWAPO TO INTENSIFY ARMED STRUGGLE.

9. OAU, LIKE THE UN, OPPOSES THE REGIME IN SOUTH AFRICA
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"NOT BECAUSE IT IS WHITE, BUT BECAUSE IT REJECTS AND FIGHTS AGAINST THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN EQUALITY AND NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION." CONFRONTED WITH UNABASHED DETERMINATION OF APARTHEID REGIME TO MAINTAIN ITS WHITE SUPREMACIST SYSTEM, WE MUST OSTRACIZE, AND URGE REST OF WORLD TO OSTRACIZE, SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME. WE MUST WORK FOR TOTAL ISOLATION OF SOUTH AFRICA AS LONG AS APARTHEID CONTINUES.

10. CM REAFFIRMS FREE AFRICA'S TOTAL REJECTION OF APARTHEID AND ALL ITS MANIFESTATIONS, INCLUDING ANY SO-CALLED "INDEPENDENT HOMELANDS" WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA. "THE PUPPET LEADERS OF THESE SO-CALLED HOMELANDS SHOULD BE DENIED INVITATIONS BY INDEPENDENT AFRICA STATES." THE COUNCIL REITERATES ITS SUPPORT TO THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THEIR STRUGGLE IN ALL ITS FORMS.

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